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CHAPTER 7 CASE

CASE NO. 04-60740 DDO

Debtor.

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM STAY

TO: The Debtor, Nancy J. Birch, Debtor's Attorney, Alan B. Fish, Trustee, David G. Velde, U.S. Trustee and other interested parties as shown on the attached service list.

- 1. Green Tree Loan Company f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation a/f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corp. (hereinafter "Green Tree"), by its undersigned attorney, moves the court for the relief requested below and gives notice of hearing herewith.
- 2. The court will hold a hearing on this motion on September 28, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before the Honorable Dennis D. O'Brien in Courtroom No. 2 at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 205 U.S. P.O. Building, 118 South Mills Street, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.
- 3. Any response to this motion must be filed and delivered not later September 23, 2004, which is three (3) days before the time set for the hearing (excluding Saturdays, Sundays of holidays) or filed and served by mail not later than September 17, 2004, which is seven (7) days before the time set for the hearing. UNLESS A RESPONSE OPPOSING THE MOTION IS TIMELY FILED, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE MOTION WITHOUT A HEARING.
- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over this motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 157 and 1334, Fed. Bankr. P. 5005 and Local Rule 1070-1. This proceeding is a core proceeding. The Petition commencing this Chapter 7 case was filed on June 21, 2004. The case is now pending in this Court.
- 5. This motion arises under 11 U.S.C. 362 and Bankruptcy Rule 4001. This motion is filed under Bankruptcy Rule 9014 and Local Rules 9013-1 through 9013-3. Movant requests relief with respect to property subject to Green Tree's valid security interest.
- 6. The Movant hereby requests that the Court waive the ten-day stay period provided for by Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a)(3).
- 7. That Green Tree is entitled to lift the stay and seek the immediate possession of certain personal property that is described as follows:

1998 Skyline, 16' x 76', Manufactured Home, Spring Cove Model, Serial No. 63301024K, including but not limited to stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, air conditioner, wheels/axles, skirting, steps and dishwasher

- 8. That cause exists, including lack of adequate protection of the interest of Green Tree in the subject property, entitling Green Tree to relief from stay.
- 9. That the Debtor has no equity in the property and the property is not necessary to an effective reorganization.
- 10. Green Tree desires to protect its interest in the aforementioned property and requests the court to vacate the stay of actions and allow repossession pursuant to Minnesota Statutes.
- 11. The Secured Creditor has incurred and will incur legal fees and costs to protect and enforce its rights in the subject property.

WHEREFORE, Green Tree, by its undersigned attorney, moves the court for an order for judgment that the automatic stay provided by 11 U.S.C. Sec. 362(a) and be terminated so to permit the movant to enforce its interest in the mobile home under applicable Minnesota law and for such other relief as may be just and equitable.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2004.

STEPHENSON & SANFORD PLC

By: \_/e/ Theresa A. Hodnett
Theresa A. Hodnett
Attorney ID # 026832X
Attorneys for Secured Creditor
Suite 220
1905 East Wayzata Blvd.
Wayzata, MN 55391
(952) 404-2100

### **VERIFICATION**

I, Tina Gaikowski, the bankruptcy administrator of Green Tree Loan Company f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation a/f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corp. named in the foregoing notice of hearing and motion, declare under penalty of perjury the that foregoing is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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### AFFIDAVIT OF TINA GAIKOWSKI

Tina Gaikowski, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states:

- 1. That Affiant is the Bankruptcy Administrator for Green Tree Loan Company f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation a/f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corp. ("Green Tree").
- 2. That Affiant has reviewed the account records relating to Nancy J. Birch and the Manufactured Home Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement loan account.
- 3. That on or about September 17, 1998, the Debtor Nancy J. Birch and non-filing co-debtor Walter V. Birch, executed a Manufactured Home Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement with Mesabi Homes of Virginia, Inc. for a 1998 Skyline, 16' x 76', Manufactured Home, Spring Cove Model, Serial No. 63301024K, including but not limited to stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, air conditioner, wheels/axles, skirting, steps and dishwasher, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 4. That Seller's interest in the aforementioned Manufactured Home Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement was assigned to Claimant, Green Tree. A true and correct copy of the Confirmation of Lien Perfection is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 5. That said Manufactured Home Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement provides that failure to remit the monthly payment is a condition of default, the occurrence of which gives Green Tree the right to accelerate the contract and repossess the property.
- 6. That Debtor failed to maintain monthly payments under said contract.
- 7. That the Debtor defaulted by virtue of Debtor's failure to remit the monthly payments for April (\$350.80), May (\$350.90), June (\$350.90), July (\$350.90), and August (\$350.90) 2004. The total default is \$1,754.40.
- 8. That the approximate N.A.D.A. market value of said collateral is \$20,500.00.

- 9. That as of July 27, 2004, the net balance due on the contract is \$36,464.09.
- 10. That cause exists, including lack of adequate protection, as evidenced by the failure to pay under the contract, of the interest of Green Tree in the subject property, entitling Green Tree to relief from stay from Debtor, Nancy J. Birch.
- 11. That the last known address of Debtor is as follows:

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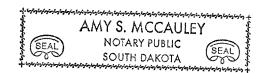
- 12. That Green Tree believed and still believes that the aforementioned address was and still is the present residence of Debtor because Debtor had previously advised Green Tree of the same and because Green Tree has communicated with Debtor at said address and has no reason to believe that the Debtor no longer resides there.
- 13. That Debtor has no equity in the property and the property is not necessary to an effective reorganization.
- 14. Green Tree desires to protect its interest in the aforementioned property and requests the court to vacate the stay of actions and allow repossession pursuant to Minnesota Statutes.
- 15. The Secured Creditor has incurred and will incur legal fees and costs to protect and enforce its rights in the subject property.
- 16. This affidavit is given in support of the motion of Green Tree, for relief from the automatic stay.

Tina Gaikowski

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Hay of <u>Quaist</u>, 2004.

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NOTICE: ANY HOLDER OF THIS CONSUMER CREDIT CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO ALL CLAIMS AND DEFENSES WHICH THE DESTOR COULD ASSERT AGAINST THE SELLER OF GOODS OR SERVICES OBTAINED PURSUANT HERETO OR WITH THE PROCEEDS HEREOF, RECOVERY HEREUNDER BY THE DEBTOR SHALL NOT EXCEED AMOUNTS PAID BY THE DEBTOR HEREUNDER.

IMPORTANT: THIS MAY BE A BINDING CONTRACT AND YOU MAY LOSE ANY DEPOSITS IF YOU DO NOT PERFORM ACCORDING TO ITS TERMS.

BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED COPY OF THIS CONTRACT.

X Jana Buch
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### ASSIGNMENT BY SELLER

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Seller further agrees that in the event duyer asserted against Assignee any cisim, defense or counterclaim against payment of any eum owing under the Contract or in defense of repossession on the essertion, either ord or written, that the Property is defective, not as represented to Buyer by Seller or the Manufacturer. Seller will, upon Assignee's coats and superior or the Seller refuses to nonze many verrently or service agreement of Seller or the manufacturer. Seller will, upon Assignee's coats and expenses of contract from Assignees and pay Assignee the full amount rame sing upon a counterclaim. Seller will, upon Assignee's coats and expenses of including attorneys' fees, whether or not any such claim, and defense or porterclaim; defense or porterclaim; and Seller also agree to intermify, defend and hold Assignee harmiess from any such claims, including attorneys' fees, court costs, disturtements and out-of-pocket expense.

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In addition, this has grammat thoughts that certain provision to follow, provided that, if yone of the following provisions has deen chacked on the out-of-payment that Geotypes and the payment by the following provision has a contract is and surface as set forth below under "Limited Recourses", the Seller will, upon demand, repurchase the Contract is any after another payment of the full amount remaining unbald under the Co

Seler, by signing below, executes this Contract and siso evalors the name to the Assignes in addotdenos with the foregoing provisions. The Seller's Assignment will also include that certain provision set form above which is checked below:

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DRIVER & VEHICLE SERVICES DIVISION
445 MINNESOTA ST., ST. PAUL, MN 55101
CONFIRMATION OF LIEN PERFECTION DEBTOR NAME AND ADDRESS

BIRCH WALTER VINCENT BIRCH NANCY JEAN LOT 43 LAKEHCOD MHP WARROAD MN 56763

98 SKYL MH W3440K044
Model Title NFL

63301024K 09/18/98 NO
Security Dates Rebuilt

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First Class
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 171
St. Paul, MN

1ST SECURED PARTY

LIEN HOLDER

RETAIN THIS DOCUMENT - See reverse side of this form for removing this lien.

GREEN TREE FINANCIAL CORP 325 CEDAR ST STE 700 SAINT PAUL MN 551C1-1C12

In Re:

Nancy J. Birch

**CHAPTER 7 CASE** 

CASE NO. 04-60740 DDO

Debtor.

## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY

#### **FACTS**

On or about September 17, 1998, Debtor Nancy J. Birch and non-filing co-debtor Walter V. Birch, executed a Manufactured Home Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement with Mesabi Homes of Virginia, Inc. for the purchase of a 1998 Skyline, 16' x 76', Manufactured Home, Spring Cove Model, Serial No. 63301024K, including but not limited to stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, air conditioner, wheels/axles, skirting, steps and dishwasher. The Seller's interest in the above-described contract was assigned to the movant, Green Tree Loan Company f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation a/f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corp. ("Green Tree"). The contract provides that the failure to remit the monthly payment is a condition of default, the occurrence of which gives Green Tree the right to accelerate the contract and repossess the property.

On or about June 21, 2004, Debtor filed for relief under Chapter 7 of Title 11, U.S. Code. Debtor is currently in default for the monthly payments for April (\$350.80), May (\$350.90), June (\$350.90), July (\$350.90), and August (\$350.90) 2004. The total default under the contract is \$1,754.40. Debtor has failed to reaffirm the debt. The market value of the mobile home is approximately \$20,500.00. As of July 27, 2004, the net balance due on the contract is \$36,464.09.

#### LAW

I. CAUSE EXISTS FOR THE GRANTING OF RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. SECTION 362(d)(1) WHERE THE INTEREST OF THIS SECURED CREDITOR IS NOT ADEQUATELY PROTECTED.

On request of a party in interest and after notice and hearing the court shall grant relief from the stay for cause, including the lack of adequate protection of an interest in the property of such party in interest. 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1). Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 362(g) the burden is on the Debtor to prove the absence of cause and/or adequate protection. This secured creditor's interest in the property is not adequately protected where:

- 1. Debtor filed Chapter 7 Bankruptcy on or about June 21, 2004.
- 2. The Debtor is delinquent for monthly contract installment payments for the months of April (\$350.80), May (\$350.90), June (\$350.90), July (\$350.90), and August (\$350.90) 2004, totaling \$1,754.40.
- 3. The Debtor has failed to reaffirm the debt with Green Tree.
- 4. The mobile home continues to depreciate in value.
- 5. The Debtor has failed to make any offer of adequate protection.

Accordingly, Green Tree is entitled to relief from the stay by reason of lack of adequate protection of its interest in the mobile home.

II. THE AUTOMATIC STAY SHOULD BE MODIFIED PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. SECTION 362(d)(2) WHERE (1) THE DEBTOR DOES NOT HAVE ANY EQUITY IN THE PROPERTY, AND (2) THE PROPERTY IS NOT NECESSARY TO AN EFFECTIVE REORGANIZATION.

The first requirement under Section 362(d)(2) is met where the total of all the encumbrances against the property is in excess of the value of the property. The current N.A.D.A. valuation of the property is approximately \$20,500.00. It is subject to Secured Creditor's interest in a net amount of \$36,464.09. Effective reorganization is not at issue in this Chapter Seven case.

#### CONCLUSION

The Secured Creditor is entitled to relief from the automatic stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 362(d)(1) for cause, and where its interest in the secured property is not adequately protected. The Secured Creditor is also entitled to relief from the automatic stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 362(d)(2) where the Debtor has no equity in the property, and where the property is not necessary to an effective reorganization.

The Secured Creditor has met its burden as discussed above and respectfully requests an order of this Court modifying the automatic stay consistent with the attached proposed Order.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2004.

STEPHENSON & SANFORD PLC

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### UNSWORN DECLARATION FOR PROOF OF SERVICE

Mary Petersen of Stephenson & Sanford, PLC, attorneys licensed to practice law in this court, with office address at Suite 220, 1905 East Wayzata Boulevard, Wayzata, Minnesota, declares under penalty of perjury that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004, I served the annexed Notice of Hearing and Motion for Relief from Stay, Memorandum in Support of Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay, Affidavit of Tina Gaikowskiand proposed Order to each person referenced below, a copy thereof by enclosing the same in an envelope with first class mail postage prepaid and depositing the same in the post office at Wayzata, Minnesota addressed to each of them as follows:

Nancy J. Birch 58633 County Road 13, Lot 117 Warroad, MN 56763

Walter V. Birch 709 Westside Trailer Court Warroad, MN 56751

Alan B. Fish 109 2nd Street NE Roseau, MN 56751 David G. Velde 1118 Broadway Alexandria, MN 56308

U.S. Trustee 1015 U.S. Courthouse 300 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street Minneapolis, MN 55415

And I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2004. /e/ Mary Petersen

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OR	DER
The above entitled matter came on for Company f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 362 on Septemb P.O. Building, 118 South Mills Street, Fergus For the record. Based upon the evidence adduced a Court being fully advised of the premises,	er 28, 2004 at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 205 U.S Falls, MN 56537. Appearances were as noted in
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Green Servicing Corporation a/f/k/a Green Tree Final interest, is granted relief from the stay of action certain Manufactured Home Retail Installm September 17, 1998, executed by Debtor Nanc Birch, covering a 1998 Skyline, 16' x 76', Manu 63301024K, including but not limited to stow wheels/axles, skirting, steps and dishwasher; interest in accordance with Minnesota law.	ns imposed by 11 U.S.C. 362 with regard to that tent Contract and Security Agreement dated cy J. Birch and non-filing co-debtor Walter V ufactured Home, Spring Cove Model, Serial No ve, refrigerator, washer, dryer, air conditioner
Notwithstanding Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4001	(a)(3), this order is effective immediately.
DATED:	BY THE COURT:

The Honorable Dennis D. O'Brien
United States Bankruptcy Court Judge